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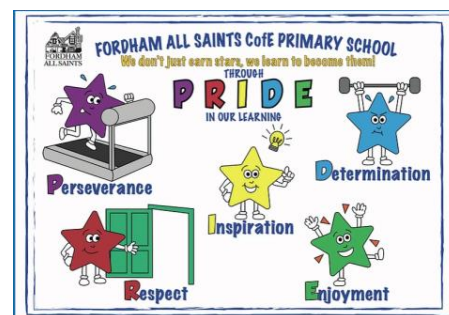
Good afternoon everyone,

It has been a really lovely week in school, especially with the success of the sports days. We were so lucky with the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday, perfect conditions for all the running and excitement of the races. The children behaved beautifully and were very supportive of one another, especially when they could see that their friends were trying their very best. I have to say I felt a little like a swan, calm on the surface and paddling frantically underneath, it has been so long since we have been able to invite parents into school. I wasn't sure how well the rules would be accepted and underlying it all is the fear that we may get a case of Covid-19. I am so very grateful for the understanding you all showed regarding staying seated and socially distanced. It made both afternoons a real pleasure to take part in. I would like to congratulate St. George (the red Team) from Chappel and Enjoyment (the Green Team) from Fordham. I would like to thank Mrs Rought and Mr Askew for organising such great sports days, it does take quite a lot of preparation to ensure a successful and fun time is had by all.

We welcomed our new children into school on Thursday for their first visit. I was so pleased to see how excited they were to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. I know they all had a fabulous morning; we are looking forward to seeing them again next week.

The staff and I have been really discussing the best way forward regarding the end of year performances. Whilst we know that the whole idea of putting on a play is so the children can perform in front of an audience with Covid restrictions we just do not feel we will be able to do a live performance. The main reason is that our hall space would limit the audience size quite considerably. The risk involved with having a group of people in an enclosed space with children singing, is quite high. The option of performing outdoors has been considered and unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather and technical difficulties is just not feasible. Sadly, I come back to the only option of recording the performance and distributing copies.

If your personal details or consents have changed please notify the office.



Upcoming Events

- 1st July** New Intake 2nd visit
- 2nd July** Book Day
- 6th July** Partnership Working Party Joint Governors meeting
- 9th July** Dress down day for hamper items
- 13th July** Full Governing Body meeting
- 15th July** 6pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 19th July** Year 6 Leavers event
- 21st July** 11am End of Year Service
- 21st July** 12noon School picnic
- 21st July** Last day of term
- 22nd July** Summer holidays start
- 1st September** INSET Day – no children in school
- 2nd September** First Day of the Autumn Term

More Important News

Our other events, planned for the end of term will take place after the lifting of restrictions, however, we will still proceed with caution. I would hate for anyone to catch Covid and then a whole range of staff and families be required to self-isolate for the first ten days of the summer holidays. I will keep you up to date on arrangements nearer the time.

Owning a dog has become very popular during lockdown, and we love to see all your new puppies coming to school. However, dogs are not allowed on the school site unless you can show evidence that they are vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms and your insurance covers you for public liability. Sandy the school dog has all these requirements, the insurance being provided by Essex County Council. I am sure you can understand the reasons behind these rules.

Next Friday will be our World Book Day event where the children can dress up if they wish. The older children have recently been asked to provide a costume for the play, Mr Easterbrook is quite happy for these costumes to be worn rather than parents go to the extra effort of sourcing another outfit. Those children who have PE on Friday will need to bring their PE kit to school and get changed. During the day children will take part in a variety of activities to promote a love of reading.

On the 9th July, children are invited to come to school in their weekend clothes in exchange for wine or chocolates to be made into hampers for a summer raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from Monday 12th July and the draw will take place at the school picnic on the last day of term.

Finally, a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped put up the gazeboes for the children on Sports Day. Whilst there was a slight breeze to keep us cool the sun was out and at this time of year it can be very strong. Also thank you to Friends of Fordham for providing ice lollies for the children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

In the Community

School website

I will be adding information and updating the website over the next few weeks. Please do visit the site to keep up to date with all that is going on in school.

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Dear Lord

Thank you for sports and the coaches who teach us. This helps keep us fit and healthy and build our teamwork skills

Amen